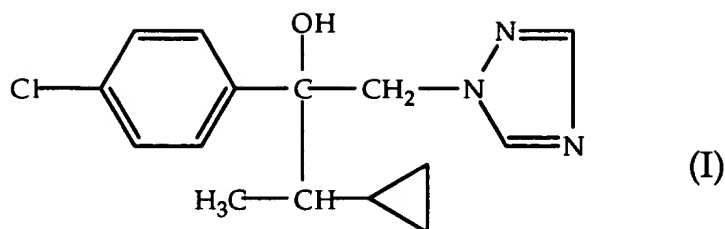


formula (I):



(cyproconazole) or a metal or acid addition salt thereof.--

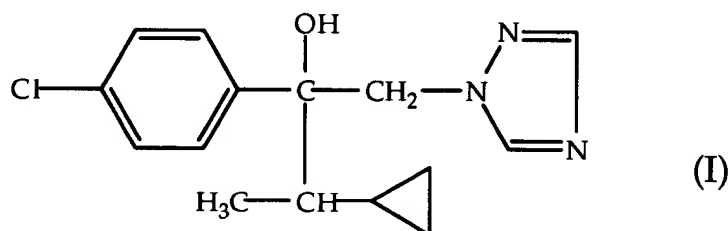
--13. The method according to claim 12, wherein said compound or metal or acid addition salt thereof is applied to said wood in admixture with  $\alpha$ -[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl]- $\alpha$ -(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol (tebuconazole).--

--14. The method according to claim 12, wherein said compound or metal or acid addition salt thereof is applied to said wood in admixture with 1-[(6-chloro-3-pyridinyl)-methyl]-4,5-dihydro-N-nitro-1H-imidazol-2-amine (imidacloprid).--

--15. A wood-containing product protected against wood-destroying fungi or wood-discoloring fungi by performing the method of claim 12 on said wood-containing product.--

--16. A method of protecting wood against wood-destroying fungi or

wood-discoloring fungi, said method comprising applying to said wood an amount of a compound that is effective to protect said wood against said wood-destroying fungi or said wood-discoloring fungi, said compound being a compound of the formula (I):



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(cyproconazole) or a metal or acid addition salt thereof, said wood-destroying fungi being selected from the group consisting of wood-destroying fungi of Chaetomium, Humicola, Petriella, Trichurus, Coniophora, Coriolus, Donkioporia, Glenospora, Gloeophyllum, Lentinus, Paxillus, Pleurotus, Poria, Serpula, Stereum, Tyromyces, Alternaria and Cladosporium, and said wood-discoloring fungi being selected from the group consisting of wood-discoloring fungi of Ceratocystis, Aspergillus, Aureobasidium, Dactylium, Penicillium, Sclerophoma, Trichoderma and Mucor.--

--17. ~~The method according to claim 16, wherein said compound or metal or acid addition salt thereof is applied to said wood in admixture with  $\alpha$ -[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl]- $\alpha$ -(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol (tebuconazole).--~~

--18. The method according to claim 16, wherein said compound or

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metal or acid addition salt thereof is applied to said wood in admixture with 1-[(6-chloro-3-pyridinyl)-methyl]-4,5-dihydro-N-nitro-1H-imidazol-2-amine (imidacloprid).--

--19. A wood-containing product protected against wood-destroying fungi or wood-discoloring fungi by performing the method of claim 16 on said wood-containing product.--

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 02-1445.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to our Deposit Account No. 02-1445.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

Before addressing the substantive issues, Applicants point out that the previous claims have been canceled in favor of a new set of claims. The new claims correspond to the previous claims or are supported by the instant specification as